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SUBJECT: ANDEAN PACT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN TROPICAL WOODS
RESEARCH

REF: AID PROJECT KPA-20 ON USE OF SECONDARY WOODS

1. SUMMARY: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAM ON CURRENT STATUS REFERENCED TA/OST PROJECT. JUDGING FROM DESCRIPTION IN FY 75/76 TAB PROGRAM SUBMISSION, THIS PROJECT WOULD COVER A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST RECEIVED FROM ANDEAN PACT JUNTA. ANDEAN PROGRAM IN TROPICAL FORESTS, APPROVED BY COMMISSION DURING SEPTEMBER MEETING, LAYS HEAVY STRESS ON APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN RESOURCES UTILIZATION. END SUMMARY

2. AS PART OF OVERALL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM, ANDEAN COUNTRIES ARE IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS WHICH COMBINE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN SPECIFIC FIELDS. ONE OF THESE COVERS TROPICAL FOREST RESOURCES AND INVOLVES (A) GATHERING AND DIFFUSION OF TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, (B) UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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MAPPING OF TROPICAL FORESTS FROM SLAR AND/OR ERTS IMAGES,
(C) RESEARCH ON USEABILITY OF MIXED TROPICAL WOODS IN

CONSTRUCTION, WHICH CALLS FOR ANALYSIS OF PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF DIFFERENT SPECIES, GRADING, PRESERVATION AND DRYING, ETC., AND (D) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO EXISTING FIRMS. MISSION ALREADY HAS SUPPLIED JUNTA WITH EXTENSIVE INFORMATION ON SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING OF TROPICAL FOREST RESOURCES, AS WELL AS WITH AID RESEARCH REPORTS TA/OST 73-20/24 AND TA/OST 72-12.

3. CANADIAN GOVERNMENT MAKING OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANT ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT AND FINNISH GOVERNMENT SUPPLYING SOME TECHNICAL SERVICES IN A RELATED FIELD THROUGH ANDEAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. CENTRALLY FUNDED AID PROJECT ON USE OF MIXED SECONDARY TROPICAL WOODS, IN WHICH FOREST PRODUCTS LABORATORY IN MADISON, WISCONSIN, AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE WOULD COOPERATE, WOULD FIT PERFECTLY INTO REGIONAL R&D PLAN AND WOULD BE VALUABLE AND TIMELY U.S. ASSISTANCE MEASURE.

4. CABLE RESPONSE APPRECIATED, WITH INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS, REGIONAL INTEGRATION OFFICER FULLMER PLANNING TO BE IN CARACAS OCTOBER 8-11.
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